by the various important communities in the State such as the Malayala Brahmins, Paradesa Brahmins, Nayars, Christians, Ezhavas, Mahomedans and the like?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available as no separate records are maintained to show the amount of land revenue paid by the various communities in the State.

Protector of the Depressed Classes.

46. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not appointing a Protector of the Depressed Classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is at present a Protector of the Depressed Classes. The question of appointing a full-time Protector is under consideration.

Copyists of the Revenue Department.

47. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that there is severe heart-burning on the part of the Revenue copyists in the State in that they are not given a definite pay in the permanent services of the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given on the 25th April 1929 as No. 272 at page 482 of the Council Proceedings Vol. XIV, No. 7, to Mr. V. S. Krishna Pillai on the same subject. There can be no hardship to the copyists as they take up the appointments knowing they are non-pensionable.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the member whether a petition had not been presented by the Revenue copyists to the Land Revenue Commissioner praying that they should be made permanent and that they should be borne on the pensionable staff?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There might have been. That question came up, it was considered by Government and then only was a decision arrived at.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Commissioner had recommended that all these copyists should be made permanent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My information is that the Commissioner had definitely made such a recommendation. I am open to correction.

PRESIDENT: Perhaps you are not entitled to get information as to what a subordinate officer of the Government recommended to Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): If the Government are not prepared to give me that information I cannot proceed.

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